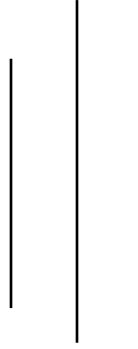


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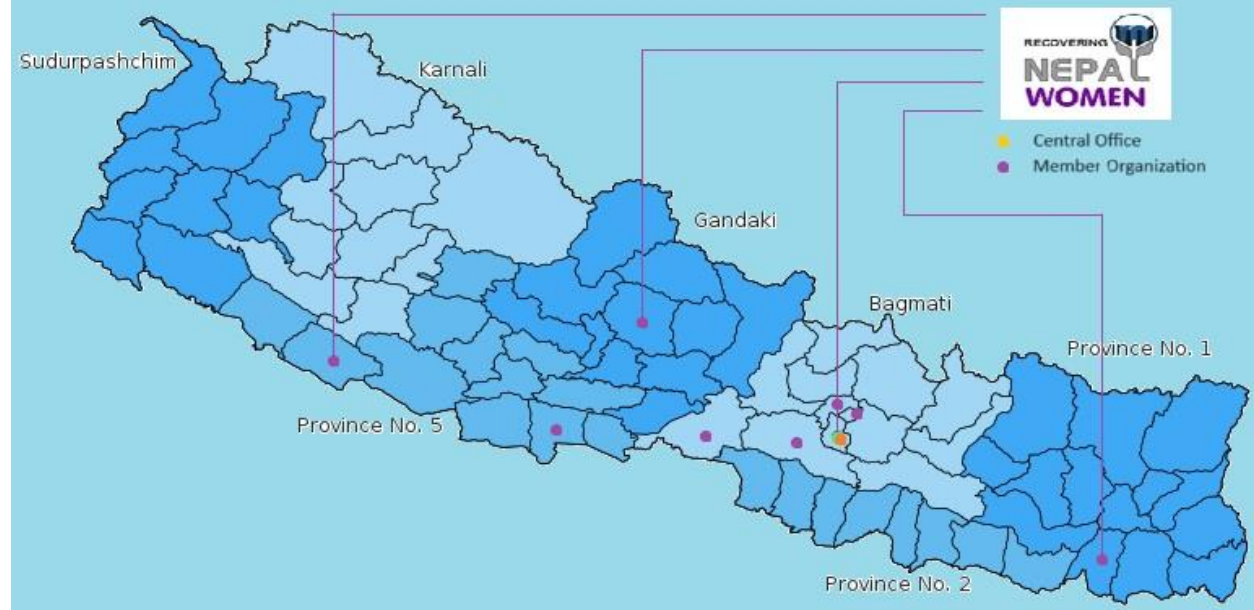


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## रिक्भरिङ्ग नेपाल महिलाको आ.व २०८०/८१ को यस संस्थाका अध्यक्षको प्रस्तुत वार्षिक प्रगती प्रतिवेदन

यस संस्थाको वार्षिक साधारण सभामा पाल्नुहुने प्रमुख अतिथिज्यु, विशेष अतिथिज्यु, आमन्त्रित सम्पूर्ण अतिथिज्युहरु, संस्थापक सदस्यज्युहरु, संस्थाका पुर्व तथा वर्तमान सञ्चालक समितिका पदाधिकारीज्युहरु एवं सदस्यज्युहरु तथा संस्थाका सम्पूर्ण कर्मचारीवर्गमा संस्थाको अध्यक्षको तर्फबाट हार्दिक अभिवादन तथा स्वागत गर्न चाहन्छु ।

नेपाल सरकार गृहमन्त्रालयले केन्द्रिय तथ्याङ्क विभागको पहलमा वि. सं. २०७७ मा निकालेको तथ्याङ्क अनुसार नेपालमा कडा लागू औषध प्रयोगकर्ताको अनुमानित संख्या १३०,४३२ जस्मा पुरुष १२१,६९२ (९३.७%) र ८,७३२ (६.७%) महिला लागू औषध प्रयोगकर्ताहरु रहेको सोहि प्रतिवेदन अनुसार वार्षिक ५.०६% औषत वृद्धि दर रहेको देखाएको छ । तथ्याङ्क अनुसार विशेष गरि १५ वर्ष देखि ३० वर्षको उमेरका भविष्यका कर्णधार युवायुवतीहरु (७७%) र महिलाहरु मात्र ८४.९% लागू औषधको जोखिममा रहेको देखिन्छ । लागू औषध प्रयोगकर्ताहरुको बढ्दो संख्या रहेकोले हाल विद्यमान सरकारी संरचनाले समस्याको समाधान गर्न नसक्ने भएकोले सरकारकै पञ्चवर्षिय गुरु योजना अनुरूप नेपालको तीनै तहका सरकारहरुले यस समस्याको विरुद्ध वृहद रुपमा कार्य गर्नु पर्ने देखिएको छ ।

गत २०१७ देखि रिक्भरिङ्ग नेपाल महिलाले एउटा लुज ग्रुपको रुपमा लागूऔषध प्रयोगकर्ता दिदी बहिनीहरुको लागि निरन्तर रुपमा काम गर्दै आईरहेको र सन् २०१८ जनवरी १२, मा देश भरि कै लागूऔषध प्रयोगकर्ता दिदी बहिनीहरुको क्षेत्रीय तथा राष्ट्रिय स्तरको भेला मार्फत आधिकारिक रुपमा लुज ग्रुपलाई रिक्भरिङ्ग नेपाल महिला भनेर घोषणा गरिएको थियो । सन् २०२०, जनवरी २ मा रिक्भरिङ्ग नेपाल महिलालाई कानुनी रुपमा दर्ता गरियो र आधिकारिक रुपमा महिला लागूऔषध प्रयोगकर्ताहरुको राष्ट्रिय सञ्जालको रुपमा घोषणा गरियो । रिक्भरिङ्ग नेपाल महिला पुर्व महिला लागूऔषध प्रयोगकर्ताहरुको नेतृत्वमा र नेपालमा लागूऔषध प्रयोग गर्ने महिलालाई हिंसा, भेदभाव, दुर्व्यवहार, सीमान्तीकरण र उपेक्षितबाट जोगाउने उद्देश्यले खोलिएको राष्ट्रिय सञ्जाल हो र यसले महिला लागू औषध प्रयोगकर्ताको लागि देशै भरी कार्य गर्दै आईरहेको छ ।

रिक्भरिङ्ग नेपाल महिलाले पुनः प्राप्तको उद्देश्य लागूऔषध (WUDs) प्रयोग गर्ने महिलाहरुको जीवनको गुणस्तर सुधार गर्ने नीतिहरुलाई प्रभाव पार्ने, उनीहरुका अधिकारहरु पुनर्स्थापित गर्ने र एउटा सिर्जना गर्ने लक्ष्य राखेको छ । रिक्भरिङ्ग नेपाल महिलाले एचआईभी, लैङ्गिक संवेदनशील, क्ष्यती न्यूनीकरण सेवाहरु, कलंक, भेदभाव र हिंसाको अन्त्य गर्ने, यौन प्रजनन स्वास्थ्य र अधिकार लाई प्रवर्द्धन गर्नेहरुको अधिकारको वकालत गर्दै र तिनीहरुका संस्थाहरुको प्रतिक्रियाको क्षमतालाई सुदृढ पार्ने कार्यमा जोड दिदै आईरहेको छ ।

### Vision

- महिला लागूऔषध प्रयोगकर्तालाई समाजमा मर्यादित, स्वास्थ्य र सक्रिय जीवन बिताउने परिकल्पना गर्दछ ।

### Mission

- सामाजिक न्याय, लैङ्गिक समानता र मानव अधिकारलाई अगाडि बढाउने नीति र कार्यक्रमहरुको सुधारलाई गति दिन महिला लागूऔषध प्रयोगकर्ता र महिला नेतृत्वमा खडा भएका संस्थाहरुलाई सशक्तिकरण गर्ने हो ।

### Goal

- नेपालमा महिला लागूऔषध प्रयोगकर्ताहरुको सबै नीति तर्जुमा र कार्यक्रमका चरणहरु जस्तै योजना, कार्यन्वयन, अनुगमन र मूल्याङ्कनमा अर्थपूर्ण सहभागिताको सुनिश्चित गर्ने ।

## Objective

- महिला लागुऔषध प्रयोगकर्ताहरूको जीवनको गुणस्तर वृद्धि गर्ने नीतिहरूलाई प्रभाव पार्ने, उनीहरूको स्वास्थ्य अधिकारहरू पुनर्स्थापित गर्ने, महिला सशक्तिकरणलाई प्रवर्द्धन गर्ने, लागुऔषधको प्रयोगको क्षतिहरूलाई न्यूनिकरण गर्ने (रगत जन्य संक्रमण सहित), र अत्यावश्यक सेवाहरूमा पहुँचको लागि सहज वातावरण निर्माण गर्ने ।

### आगामी योजनाहरू

- कानुनी तथा नीतिगत वकालत, पैरवी तथा प्राविधिक सहयोग
- पारदर्शी व्यवस्थापकिय अभ्यासहरू,
- प्रभावकारी वित्तिय व्यवस्थापन,
- परियोजनालाई थप प्रभावकारी र दिगो बनाउने
- नेपाल सरकार गृह मन्त्रालय र स्वास्थ्य मन्त्रालयले जारी गरेको कार्यनितिलाई प्राथमिकतामा राखि कार्य गर्ने ।
- नेपालमा लागु औषध प्रयोग गर्ने महिलाहरूको जिवनमा निरन्तर रूपमा सकारात्मक प्रभाव पार्नको लागि सुनिश्चित गर्ने
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- उपचार र पुनर्स्थापना केन्द्रमा गुणस्तरीय एकरूपताका सेवाहरूमा जोड

अन्त्यमा यस संस्थाले आफ्नो साधन, श्रोत तथा सामर्थ्यले भ्याएसम्म कार्य गर्दै आईरहेको तर पनि यस क्षेत्रमा विविध चुनौतीहरूमा लागुऔषध शिक्षा तथा सचेतना र पुनर्स्थापना उपचार सेवामा अझ प्रभावकारी ढङ्गले स्रोत र साधनको कमीले सोचे अनुरूप काम गर्न नसकेको जानकारी गराउन चाहन्छु । आगामी दिनमा माथिका चुनौती तथा समस्या समाधानार्थ यस संस्थाले विशेष कार्ययोजना बनाई लागू गर्ने र सहयोगको परिचालन गर्नेछ । संस्थाका सम्पूर्ण सदस्य, नेपाल सरकारका सम्बन्धित निकायहरू, केन्द्रिय, प्रदेश तथा स्थानीय सरकार, प्रादेशिक कार्यकारी समिति, पत्रकार, सरोकारवाला संघसंस्थाहरू, कर्मचारीहरू र स्वयंसेवकहरू सबैलाई हार्दिक धन्यवाद दिदै आगामी दिनहरूमा पनि सहकार्य, समन्वय र सहयोगको अपेक्षा गरेको छु ।

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## रिक्भरिङ्ग नेपाल महिलाको आ.व २०८०/८१ को यस संस्थाका महासचिवको प्रस्तुत बार्षिक प्रगती प्रतिवेदन

नमस्कार,

यस संस्थाको बार्षिक साधारण सभामा पाल्नुहुने प्रमुख अतिथिज्यु, विशेष अतिथिज्यु, आमन्त्रित सम्पूर्ण अतिथिज्युहरु, संस्थापक सदस्यज्युहरु, संस्थाका पुर्व तथा वर्तमान सञ्चालक समितिका पदाधिकारीज्युहरु एवं सदस्यज्युहरु तथा संस्थाका सम्पूर्ण कर्मचारीवर्गमा संस्थाको महासचिवको तर्फबाट हार्दिक अभिवादन तथा स्वागत गर्न चाहन्छु ।

रिक्भरिङ्ग नेपाल महिलाले महिला लागू औषध प्रयोगकर्ताहरुको सवाल र समस्या समाधानार्थ आफ्नो स्थापनाकाल २०१८ देखि नेपाल सरकार, गृह मन्त्रालय, स्वास्थ्य तथा जनसंख्या मन्त्रालय, लागू औषध नियन्त्रण शाखा संग समन्वय र सहकार्य गर्दै आईरहेको जानकारी गराउन चाहन्छु । यस संस्थाले आफ्नो स्थापना काल देखि लागू औषध प्रयोगकर्ताहरुको र संघ संस्थाकोहरुको सवालमा काम गर्न विभिन्न दात्री निकायहरुमा (INPUD, Global Fund, Save the Children, IDPC, WHRIN, NAPUD) आदि संग विभिन्न परियोजनामा काम गरेको छ ।

रिक्भरिङ्ग नेपाल महिलाद्वारा यस आर्थिक वर्षमा केन्द्रिय, प्रदेशिक र जिल्ला स्तरमा गरेको कार्यक्रमहरुको संक्षिप्त उपलब्धिहरु प्रस्तुत गर्न चाहन्छु ।

- रिक्भरिङ्ग नेपाल महिलाले क्षति न्युनिकरण कार्यक्रम अन्तर्गत काठमाण्डौ, भक्तपुर, ललितपुर, कास्की, सुन्सरीमा चार साभेदार स्थानिय संस्थाहरुद्वारा (महिला सहयोगी समुह, सोभर रिक्भरी एण्ड ट्रिट्मेन्ट सेन्टर, कम्युनिटी सर्पोट ग्रुप, जागरण आरोग्य समुह) नियमित एच.आई.भी रोकथाम सेवा प्रदान गर्दै आइरहेको छ ।
- यस आर्थिक वर्षमा रिक्भरिङ्ग नेपाल महिलाद्वारा संचालित क्षति न्युनिकरण कार्यक्रम अन्तर्गत १२४१ सेवाग्राहीहरुले सुई साटासाट कार्यक्रमबाट सेवा लिएका छन् ।
- आर्थिक वर्ष ०८०/०८१ मा, यस संस्थाद्वारा ९७३ जना सेवाग्राहीहरुको HIV परिक्षण गरियो ।
- हरेक जिल्लाहरुमा ४-४ वटा गरि जम्मा २० वटा सरोकारवालाहरु संगको अन्तरक्रिया कार्यक्रम सम्पन्न गरियो जसबाट १४९ सरोकारवालाहरु संग समन्वय गरियो जस्मा सरकारी कर्मचारी, स्थानीय सरकार, OCMC, लागुपदार्थ तथा एच. आई. भी मा काम गर्ने संघसंस्थाहरु र महिलाद्वारा संचालित कार्यलयहरुको उपस्थिति थियो ।
- हरेक जिल्लाहरुमा ४-४ वटा गरि २० वटा प्रहरी प्रशासन संगको अन्तरक्रिया कार्यक्रम सम्पन्न गरियो ।
- आर्थिक वर्ष ०८०/०८१ मा केन्द्रिय कार्यलयद्वारा साभेदार संस्थाहरुको ४ चोटि अनुगमन तथा मुल्याङ्कन गरियो, साथ-साथै स्थानिय सरकार र सम्बन्धित संस्थाका कार्यकारी सदस्यहरु द्वारा कार्ययोजना अनुसार बार्षिक रुपमा गरिने १ चोटि संयुक्त अनुगमन भ्रमण गरियो ।
- Community System Strengthening परियोजना अन्तर्गत संस्थागत विकास तालिमबाट १३ वटा पूर्व महिला लागू पदार्थ प्रयोगकर्ताहरुद्वारा संचालित संस्थाहरुका २० जना सहभागीहरु लाभान्वित भएका छन् ।
- Advocacy on Stigma and Discrimination for WWUDs कार्यक्रम ७ जिल्लामा संचालन गरियो र यस कार्यक्रमबाट १४३ सहभागीहरु लाभान्वित भएका छन् ।

- यस संस्थाले Community System Strengthening परियोजना अर्न्तगत Gender Friendly Harm Reduction Guideline तयार गरेको छ ।
- WHRIN/IDPC को आर्थिक सहयोगमा June 26 मा सफलता पूर्वक Support Don't Punish Campaign संचालन गरियो ।

यस बाहेक पनि रिक्भरिङ्ग नेपाल महिलाले महिला लागुऔषध प्रयोगकर्ताहरूको समग्र विकास, सशक्तिकरण र सम्मानित जिवनको लागी गरेका कार्य तथा प्रयाशहरू यस प्रकार छन् ।

- संघिय, प्रदेश तथा स्थानीय स्तर तथा सरोकारवालाहरूमा समन्वय तथा सहकार्य स्थापना ।
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- क्षति न्युनीकरणका कार्यक्रमहरूमा महिलाहरूलाई सशक्तिकृत गर्दै उनीहरूकै नेतृत्वमा महिला लागुऔषध प्रयोगकर्ताहरूको पहुँच वृद्धि ।
- विभिन्न सरकारी तथा गैरसरकारी संघसंस्थाहरूसंग सहयोग आदानप्रदान तथा समन्वय ।

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महासचिव

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## रिक्तभरिङ्ग नेपाल महिलाको आ.व २०८०/८१ को यस संस्थाको कोषाध्यक्ष प्रस्तुत बार्षिक प्रगती प्रतिवेदन

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आ. व. २०८०/८१ मा यस संस्थाले महिला लागुऔषध प्रयोगकर्ता साथै यस छाता संगठनमा आवद्ध सदस्य संस्थाहरुको हक, हित र अधिकार, क्षमता अभिवृद्धि, साथै नितिनियम तथा कानून परिवर्तनको लागी आवाज निरन्तर रुपमा उठाउदै आईरहेको बारे पुनः स्मरण गराउन चाहन्छु । यस संस्थाले आफ्नो नियमित गतिविधि बाहेक विभिन्न दातृ निकायको आर्थिक तथा प्राविधिक सहयोगमा परियोजनाहरु सञ्चालन गरेको थियो । लागु औषध प्रयोगकर्ताहरुको आमसवालहरु सम्बोधन गर्न सेवामुखी र गैरनाफामुलक संस्था भएको हुनाले सम्पूर्ण संस्थाका आय व्ययहरुलाई नेपाल सरकारको आर्थिक नियमावली, संस्था तथा दातृनिकायहरुको आर्थिक निति, नियम र सम्झौता अनुसार लेखा प्रणाली संचालन गरिएको छ । परियोजना सञ्चालन गर्ने क्रममा संस्थाको आर्थिक नियमावलीहरुको पालना गर्दै, दातृनिकायहरुको आर्थिक तथा कार्यक्रम अनुगमनको तथा लेखा परिक्षणको क्रममा देखिएको कमी, कमजोरीहरुलाई सच्याउदै यस संस्थाले आर्थिक तथा लेखा प्रणालीलाई चुस्ता दुरुस्त राखेको छ ।

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अन्त्यमा यस संस्थाले आफ्नो साधन, श्रोत तथा सामर्थ्यले भ्याएसम्म राष्ट्रिय स्तरमा काम गर्दै आईरहेकोमा संस्थाका सम्पूर्ण सदस्य, नेपाल सरकारका सम्बन्धित निकायहरु, केन्द्रिय, प्रदेश तथा स्थानीय सरकार, प्रादेशिक कार्यकारी समिति, पत्रकार, सरोकारवाला संघसंस्थाहरु, कर्मचारीहरु र स्वयंसेवकहरु सबैलाई हार्दिक धन्यवाद दिदै आगामी दिनहरुमा पनि सहकार्य, समन्वय र सहयोगको अपेक्षा गरेको छु ।

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATION

AIDS:	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
BCC:	Behavior Change Communication
CANN:	Coalition of AIDS Network in Nepal
CBOs:	Community Based Organizations
CSS:	Community System Strengthening
CCMN:	Country Coordinating Mechanism Nepal
CLT:	Community Led Testing
CRG:	Community, Rights, Guidelines
DIC:	Drop-In Centers
DHIS2:	District Health Information System
FSGMN:	Federation of Sexual and Gender Minorities Nepal
GF:	Global Fund
HR:	Harm Reduction
HIV:	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HIVST:	HIV Self-Testing
IBBS:	Integrated Biological and Behavioral Surveillance
IDPC:	International Drug Policy Consortium
INPUD:	International Network of People Who Use Drugs
IRW:	In-Reach Worker
KP:	Key Population
MOHP:	Ministry of Health and Population
NAPN+:	National Association of PLWHA in Nepal
NFWLHA:	National Federation of Women Living with HIV and AIDS
NHRC:	National Human Rights Commission
NCASC:	National Centre for AIDS and STD Control
NSP:	Needle Syringe Program
ODA:	Organization Development and Advocacy
OST:	Opioid Substitution Therapy

OSDV:	On-site Data Verification
OCMC:	One-stop Crisis Management Center
ONHIS:	One National HIV Information System
OPMIS:	Online Program Management Information System
PWID:	People Who Inject Drugs
PLWHA:	People Living With HIV and AIDS
ROB:	Rules of Business
SCI:	Save the Children International
SRH:	Sexual and Reproductive Health
SSP:	Standard Service Package
SWOT:	Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, Threat
UNDP:	United Nations Development Programme
WHRIN:	Women and Harm Reduction International Network
WUDs:	Women Who Use Drugs
WWID:	Women Who Inject Drugs

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recovering Nepal Women is the National Network of women who use drugs and drug user led service organizations. Currently, RN Women is implementing Harm Reduction (HR) and C19RM project in 5 districts of Nepal i.e. Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur, Kaski and Sunsari through 4 women led community organizations till January 2025 under Save the Children/Global Fund. Moreover, RN Women implemented Community System Strengthening project to strengthen the capacity of the women drug user led service organization and advocate on the stigma and discrimination faced by the women drug users in 2023.

According to the National Integrated Biological and Behavioral Surveillance (IBBS) survey 2017, there were 3347 women who inject drugs (WWID) in Nepal. RN Women is implementing HR program since August 2021 and has enrolled 1379 WWID till July 2024 which is 41.2% of the national size estimation. Currently, 1241 beneficiaries are receiving HR services on a regular basis through partner organization of RN Women. However, 138 beneficiaries could not be reached due to several reasons such as beneficiaries being recovered or went to rehabilitation center or abroad or is on custody/prison. Moreover, in total 973 was tested for HIV where all were non-reactive. In addition to it, 20 stakeholders meeting (4 in each districts) were conducted where RN Women connected with 149 stakeholders such as government officers, local government, One-stop Crisis Management Center (OCMC), women led organization and different like-minded organization. Similarly, 20 police orientation were conducted in five districts (4 in each districts) which helped to sensitize police personnel on Harm Reduction Program and Drug abuse. Apart from it, regular monitoring by the central office on a quarterly basis was done and also a joint monitoring was performed by a local government to monitor all the service provided and documentation kept by the organization

Similarly, 20 participants were trained on Organization Development and 143 participants were involved on advocacy for stigma and discrimination. Overall the program made a good impact for the community people.

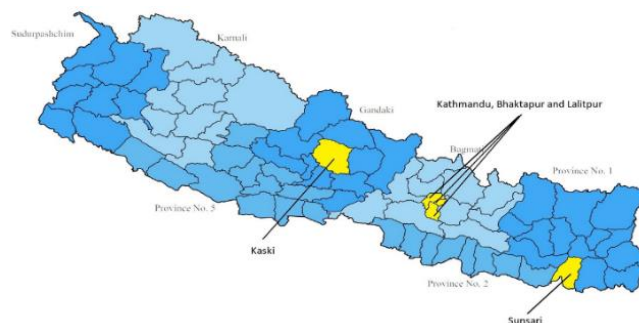
## 1. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION OF RN WOMEN

Recovering Nepal Women (RN Women) is a National Network of women drug users and drug user led service organizations. On 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2020 RN Women was legally registered as National Network of WUDs in Nepal with the goal set to influence policies that improve the quality of lives of WUDs, reinstate their rights, to empower them and mitigate negative consequences of drug use including blood borne infections and create enabling environment for universal access to meaningful services.

RN Women is implementing Harm Reduction (HR) program from 16 August 2021- July 2024 in 5-districts (Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur, Sunsari and Kaski) under Global Fund through local Organization focusing only and only on Women Who Use as well as Inject drugs in Nepal. Similarly, RN Women also implemented Community System Strengthening under Save the Children/ Global Fund on 2023. With that being said there are all together 36 staff members under the GF project. The main objective of this proposed project is to identify areas of concentration of women who Use as well as Inject drugs (WUD/WWID) and their behavioral patterns through situational assessment and enable the target group to access the services and to provide support for friendly comprehensive service package for women who use drugs in the women prone districts.

### MISSION:

“To empower Women Who Use Drugs and organizations workings with Women who use drugs to accelerate the transition of policies and programs that advance social justice and human rights”



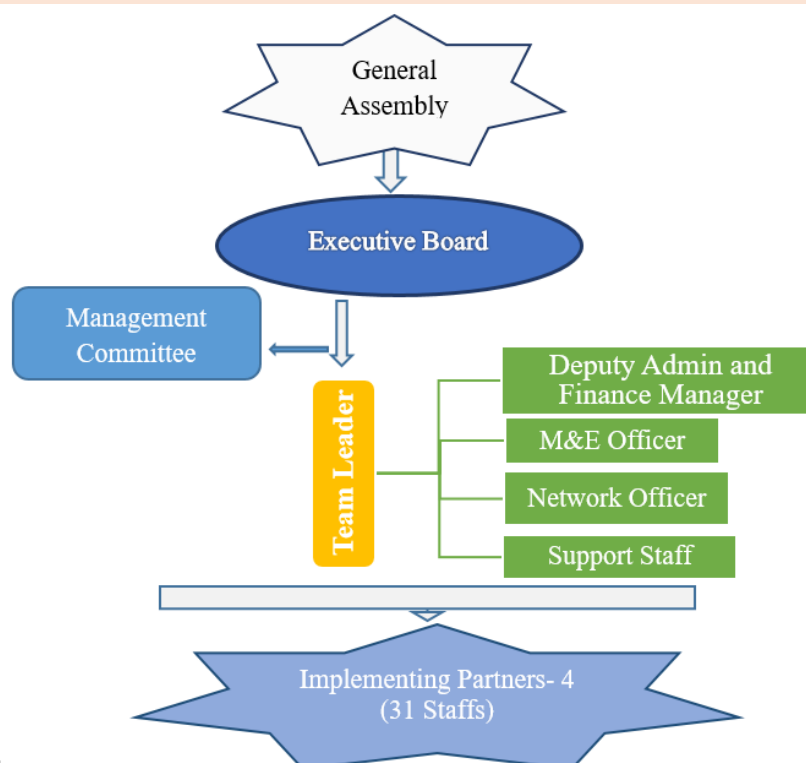
### VISION:

“We envisage WUDs living a dignified, healthy and proactive life in the society

### GOAL:

"Ensure meaningful involvement of WUDs in Nepal at all phases of policy formulation and programming: assessment, analysis, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation"

## 2. RN WOMEN STRUCTURE



## 3. RN WOMEN STAFF MEMBERS UNDER GLOBAL FUND PROJECT

S.N	Designation	No. of Staff
1.	Team Leader	1
2.	Deputy Admin and Finance Manager	1
3.	Monitoring and Evaluation Officer	1
4.	Network Officer	1
5.	Support Staff	1

## 4. RN WOMEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS UNDER GLOBAL FUND PROJECT

District	Organization	No. of Staffs	
Kathmandu	Sober Female Rehabilitation & Treatment Center	DIC In-charge	1
		Finance Assistant	1
		IRWs	4
		Waste Management Assistant	1
Bhaktapur		Casual Labour	1

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## 5. MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF RN WOMEN

- I. Mobilizing Drop In Centers (DIC) in 5 districts i.e. Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur, Sunsari and Kaski.
- II. Collecting data from all the implementing partners, help support them wherever possible in order to run/ process it smoothly.
- III. Engage in meaningful and higher level meetings in order to empower as well as polish women drug users to be able to fight for their rights and freedom.
- IV. To strengthen and establish women-led, gender-friendly, and accessible harm reduction services emphasizing mainly on WUDs/WWID
- V. Advocacy and sensitization program targeting concerned stakeholders to create an enabling environment for WUDs to access services addressing violence as well as Human Rights of people who use drugs.
- VI. To reform policy in order to accomplish gender equality and explore for the provision of sustainable funding from the governments at all levels.
- VII. Interaction meetings with various stakeholders, government bodies, NGOs/ INGOs and CBOs to strengthen network

- VIII. Mobilize various events, programs be it World Drug day, Support Don't Punish, Women's Day or World AIDs Day for the future benefit for our drug users community by advocating or sensitizing over the concerned subject.
- IX. Implementing staff as well as board meetings
- X. Monitoring and Evaluation visit at 5 districts
- XI. Frequent visit to and from Save the Children
- XII. National Consultation Program
- XIII. Establishing relationship with NCASC (National Center of AIDS and STD Control)

## 6. SAVE THE CHILDREN PROJECT OF WUDs/WWID

<b>Organization:</b>	RN Women (Network of Women Who Use Drugs in Nepal)
<b>Project Title</b>	“Comprehensive Prevention Programs for people who inject drugs(PWID)” and "Community System Strengthening"
<b>Contact Person: Title / Position:</b>	Sujata Khadka Team Leader
<b>Country:</b>	Nepal
<b>Reporting period:</b>	Fiscal year 080-081 (Jul 2023 – Jul, 2024)
<b>Budget in Rupees</b>	NPR. 17,032,923

### a. ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

S.N	Activities carried	Organization/District	No. of event	Date
1.	Stakeholder's Meeting	Sober Female Rehab/KTM+BKT	8	27 <sup>th</sup> August & 21 <sup>st</sup> August, 11 <sup>th</sup> December & 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2023, 29 <sup>th</sup> March & 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024, 31 <sup>st</sup> May & 21 June, 2024
		Women's Support Group / Lalitpur	4	24 <sup>th</sup> August, 7 <sup>th</sup> December'023, 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 and 25 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024

		Jagaran Arogya Samuha /Sunsari	4	21 <sup>st</sup> July, 26 <sup>th</sup> November '023, 20 <sup>th</sup> March and 27 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024
		Community Support Group/ Kaski	4	23 <sup>rd</sup> August, 19 <sup>th</sup> November'023, 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 and 17 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024
2.	Interaction with Security Personnel Women's Support Group / Lalitpur	SOBER Female Rehab/Ktm+Bkt	7	29 <sup>th</sup> September-24 <sup>th</sup> September, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November '023, 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb & 28 Feb 2024, 20 <sup>th</sup> May & 28 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024
		Women's Support Group/ Lalitpur	4	30 <sup>th</sup> August, 13 <sup>th</sup> October '023, 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 and 31 <sup>st</sup> May, 2024
		Jagaran Arogya Samuha/ Sunsari	3	17 <sup>th</sup> October '023, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 2024 and 27 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024
		Community Support Group (CSG)/ Kaski	4	17 <sup>th</sup> August, 31 <sup>st</sup> October '023, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2024 and 22 <sup>nd</sup> May, 2024
3.	Joint Monitoring Visit	SOBER DIC/Ktm+Bkt	2	31 <sup>st</sup> October '023; 10 <sup>th</sup> May'024
		Women's Support Group/ Lalitpur	2	11 <sup>th</sup> December '023; 21 <sup>st</sup> May'024
		Jagaran Arogya Samuha	2	31 <sup>st</sup> November '023; 17 <sup>th</sup> May'024
		Community Support Group(CSG)/ Kaski	2	28 <sup>th</sup> November '023; 27 <sup>th</sup> May'024
4.	Advocacy on Stigma and Discrimination for WWUD	Ekata Nepal/ Chitwan	1	3 <sup>rd</sup> September '023
		Asha Foundation	1	3 <sup>rd</sup> September '023
		RN Women/Central Office	1	2 <sup>nd</sup> September '023
		SOBER Female	12	

5.	Monthly Review Meeting	Women's Support Group	12		
		Jagaran Samuha	Arogya	12	
		Community Support Group		12	

## 7. ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY RN WOMEN

### a. WORLD HEPATITIS DAY ON 28 JULY, 2023



Hepatitis C is a disease that can be completely cured with medication, but due to lack of treatment and medicines, many people in Nepal are losing their lives. It is one of the most common infections among people living with HIV, people who inject drugs and sex workers. However, treatment access for hepatitis mono-infections has not been prioritized. Consequently, the unavailability of hepatitis treatment and medicines is resulting in many preventable deaths.

To wake up the government regarding the emergency of the need of the Hepatitis treatment, on the occasion of World Hepatitis Day i.e. on 28 July, 2024 Recovering Nepal conducted a peaceful mass gathering and advocacy event at the Ministry of Health and Population to ensure the treatment for Hepatitis C. Recovering Nepal Women stand upfront and participated in the movement to support the campaign. During the day, the Ministry of Health and Population was handed over the open letter to demand for the treatment of Hepatitis C to all.

### b. ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR THE FIDU LED PARTNER ORGANIZATION

As per the capacity building of its member/partner organization, Recovering Nepal Women organized a three-day training on Organization Development in Le Bagaicha Restaurant, Lalitpur from 28-30 August,

2023 under the Community System Strengthening (CSS) project. It aimed to provide RN-W partners with the skills and information necessary to successfully implement Organizational Development and Advocacy (ODA) strategies in their respective organizations to improve organizational performance, and manage change. It also aimed to increase their capacity to recognize and handle organizational issues. This training was designed based on ODA training Guideline published by Asian Network People Who Use Drugs ANPUD especially targeting people who use drugs accurses the region. There was a participation from 7 different organizations where 18 were female and 2 were male.

**Objective:**

The main objective of the training was to enhance the RN-Women partners' capacity to effectively implement Organizational Development (OD) strategies in their organizations. The training was designed to increase the RN-Women partners' ability to recognize and handle organizational challenges, boost organizational performance, and effectively manage change. The training covered topics such as organization development, good governance, developing OD action plans, monitoring and evaluating OD interventions, strategic communication, advocacy and leadership. Key objective are:

1. To build the strengthen capacity of the organizations led by women for women
2. To support leadership and organizational management skills to the participants

**Day 1: 28 August**

The first day of the training program began with an opening session where the CEO of RN, Mr. Bishnu Feaul Sharma, welcomed the participants and provide a brief objective of the training. After the opening session, the trainer, Mr. Indra Bahadur Karki introduced all the participants in a game which helped participant know each other in a better way. Mr. Karki introduced the program's objectives, the course structure and collected the expectations of the participants. Most of the participant expectations from the training was related to

- *Organizational Development;*
- *Good Governance;*
- *Leadership Skills;*
- *Organizational Sustainability;*
- *Counselling;*
- *Human Resource Mobilization; and*

- *Financial Management.*



The participants were then introduced to create an effective network, which included topics such as organization, role of organization and key factors to establish organization (Vision, Mission, Goal, and Objective). The participants were further trained on organizational management committee, networking and how it works. Mr. Karki conducted an interactive session, allowing the participants to ask questions and clarify their doubts. The trainers effectively set the tone for the training, and carry out several games ensuring that all the participants remain engaged and motivated throughout the day. Overall, the first day of the training program was a success, and the participants left the session with a better understanding of creating and managing an effective network.

#### Day 2: 29 August

On the second day of the training program, the trainer began with a recap session, followed by an icebreaker activity on critical thinking. Mr. Bishnu Fueal Sharma facilitated the session of good governance with its introduction, sources of good governance such as General Assembly, General Member, Board Member and Staff. During the session, one of the organization's



policies was taken as an example and presented. Furthermore, facilitator briefly presented on organizational structure and areas of organizational development. A group activity was conducted among the participants to identify the understanding of participants on the roles and responsibilities of the board of organization. All the participant were divided into 5 groups which had 5 different topic i.e. Board of Directors, President

and Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board Member. Each group actively participated in the group work and presented and it seemed to have a good knowledge among the participants. The trainers further briefly explained to the participants about the roles and responsibilities of the board members and what activity is carried out during the General Assembly of the organization.



The trainer further explained about the organization management, people management, project cycle management, financial management, monitoring and evaluation. The participants were further introduced about organizational analysis tools such as SWOT and SPIDER Web, which helped them gain a better understanding of organizational analysis.

Overall session of the second day was very engaging and informative. It was indeed a success with the participants

gaining new insights and knowledge on a range of topics

### Day 3: 30 August

On the third and final day of the training program, the session started with the recap of earlier day. The trainer continued the session with Effective Leadership and Skills Development. Mr. Sabir Ojha also facilitated the Fund Raising Session, where he conducted the group work by dividing into 3 groups to discuss on current sources of funding and potential future sources to sustain the organization. Some of the participants presented that they will coordinate with the local government and other non-profit organizations to train their staff as well as beneficiaries on making pickle and sell it online. Similarly, another idea was to train the beneficiaries on gardening skills so that they can run Nursery and earn money. These were some of the ideas which they want to do to sustain their organization. All the participants presented their work very actively and was so engaging. Last session of the training was on advocacy which was facilitated by Mr. Bishnu Fual Sharma. After all the presentation, a post-training assessment and a final evaluation of the training was carried out.

Additionally, Joint Secretary of Ministry of Home Affairs Mrs Rudra Devi Sharma visited the training venue, where first of all formal introduction session was conducted and a feedback on training was provided by the participants, which actually was very positive and constructive. Mrs Sharma shared her closing remarks by providing words of advice to roll out the knowledge they have gained from the training in their

respective organization and distributed the training certificates to the participants. Similarly, the President of Recovering Nepal Women, Mrs Hema Shrestha, formally closed the training with her closing remarks.

**Conclusion:**

The participants of the training were found to be very keen to learn about the organization, networking, leadership and resource mobilization. It was very effective and meaningful training where the participants were motivated to implements the learnings in their respective organizations.



c. ADVOCACY ON STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION FOR WUDs (7 EVENTS) AT SUNSARI, KASKI, KATHMANDU, LALITPUR, CHITWAN, RUPANDEHI, CENTRAL OFFICE

**Training Objective**

- Identify the types and sources of stigma and discrimination experienced by people who use drugs;
- Document the impact of these experiences of stigma and discrimination;
- Identify strategies to help reduce the negative impacts of stigma and discrimination.
- To promote the human rights of persons with mental disorders and to reduce stigma and discrimination.
- To protect the dignity of all human beings.
- To receive suggestions and recommendations from the participants



**Major Outcomes/Decision**

- Decision to conduct different program to aware teenagers about drug use through different

strategies were made.

- Decision to aware parents & community through different programs to observe about their children behaviour and peer group were made.
- Commitment of helping and coordinating with each other were made.
- Support from Police personnel to referring the WUDs to OST.
- Support in protecting the rights of WUDs and Preventing harm and harassment among WUDs.
- Identify opportunities to provide training and education on the complexity of substance use issues to health care, social service, police and other professionals.
- Decision was made that the issue of stigma and discrimination including physical harassment will cover from Human Right and District Administration Office.
- Commitment from the OST centres were given on providing free psychology counselling will be provided by the OST doctor
- As mental health is one of the issues psycho-social orientation is most among the WUDs, hence it was planned to conduct among the target group
- Linkage to ART site, OCMC services if in need.

### **Advocacy on Stigma and Discrimination for WUDs at Central Office**

#### Program Objectives:

- To advocate issues of stigma and discrimination in women led bigger forum.
- To integrate WUDs with government and non-government women's leaders and celebrities at national level.

#### Program Methodology

- Drama in regard to Drug use
- Songs and Music
- Advocating through posters and pamphlets
- Showcasing key messages

#### Program Session:

The program was started from 11 am in the morning. The program started with an introductory session where participants from different organizations, government officials, municipalities, security personnel, media personalities as well and the community were presented. Further the organizing

committee, shared the objective of the program as well as supporting organization who financially supported the program. From different media personalities, they presented their cultural dance as well as songs. There was also a *Dohori* songs which focused on the above mentioned topic such as Drug Addiction, Communicable and Non-Communicable Disease, Road Safety and Social Media Misuse and Corruption. A group of young activists perform a drama to aware the public about the drug addiction, its effect on the person using, their family and community. The participants of the program was also very focused on the event. Time and again the organizer were advocating the key messages provided by the RN-Women i.e.



- **People First – Treat as a Human for Women:** मानिस पहिला-महिलालाई मानिस सरह व्यवहार गर
- **Support Don't PUNISH:** सजाय होईन सहयोग गर
- स्वास्थ्य तथा मानवअधिकार सुनिश्चित गर
- लैंगिक समानताको आधारमा निति तथा कार्यक्रम लागु गर
- महिला सशक्तिकरण र अवसर प्रदान गर
- महिला मैत्री सेवा लागू गरौं: **By Women For Women**

The program was very entertaining as well as meaningful.

#### d. OVERSIGHT VISIT BY COUNTRY COORDINATING MECHANISM ON 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2023

**On 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2023** a team of Country Coordinating Mechanism visited RN Women partner organization Women Support Group, Lagankhel where Mr. Sujan Onta, Sr. Program Manager and Mr. Darinji Sherpa, Program Coordinator from Save the Children were also presented. At first all the visitors visited the overall Drop IN centres and appreciated the set up.

The meeting started around 2 PM where Ms. Sujata Khadka, M&E Officer formally greeted everyone and initiated with an introduction. Then, Ms. Khadka proceed with the presentation. She started with a brief introduction of RN Women and also informed about the current status of WUDs and its target vs. achievement, what we have done and have been doing so far especially regarding the programs. Basically

we informed about the working areas such as Distribution of Harm Reduction (HR) commodities through Needle Syringe Program (NSP):

- Provide sterile needles and syringes with alcohol swabs
- Provide condoms
- Behavioral Change Communication (BCC)
- HIV testing
- Referral and linkage
- Networking and coordination
- Entering data in OPMIS as well as ONHIS
- Waste Management System
- Issues and challenges faced by WUDs/WWIDs

There were a lot of queries from the CCM team regarding the national estimation, target provided by Save the Children and achievement by all the districts. All the queries were clarified by Ms. Khadka as well as from team



of Save the Children. We had a very good to and fro conversation. The oversight team also gave some feedback regarding the presentation like inclusion age and marital status of number of female injecting drug users. Well overall the meeting was successfully conducted where overall oversight team and SCI team showed a great appreciation.

#### e. GENDER FRIENDLY HARM REDUCTION GUIDELINES

Gender Friendly Harm reduction strives to minimize the harms caused by the negative effects of drug use and live a normal life without interrupting and affecting their rights be it on substance or not. As we are familiar about the Harm Reduction aims to reduce the risks of transmitting diseases as well as approach to policies, programs, interventions and practices to reduce the adverse physical and mental health. Thus, guidelines provide way and direction to identify essential considerations for guidelines development within the harm reduction in their recommendations on involving people who access services. These guidelines are intended to be used by practitioners implementing HIV and harm reduction programs to people who inject drugs (PWID), Oral Substitution Therapy (OST) such as clinical and non-clinical program staff and

management; community and civil-society organizations, service users and health workers. It also covers the vulnerabilities, opportunities, diversities and inequalities of all genders, together with their respective needs, concerns and experiences.

**Training objective:**

- To understand the harms of gender norms and gender inequality.
- To understand the ‘compound effects’ of stereotyping for women and gender non-conforming people who use drugs.
- To understand sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and the importance of the continuum of care for SRHR services.



**Training methodology:**

- As per the Module 1 participants will be provided information and knowledge through power point on Gender, sexual and reproductive health and rights and harm reduction. Basically the differences between the sexes, gender norms and its serious impact or discrimination. This module also contains group exercise that allows participants to identify the basic needs for women specific programs. Also contains no. of case studies which demonstrates how to apply the various concepts and methods.
- Module 2 will give the overview on the prevention and treatment model for Women substance user and key component of Harm reduction
- Similarly in module 3 accentuates in Gender equity, health and Human Rights under the CRG guide followed by open plenary session to all the participants. This allows them to apply what they have learned. Participants are also encouraged to make recommendations/suggestions in coming days.

**Discussion**

The first phase of the meeting was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 at RN Women meeting hall and the meeting conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2023 is the continuation of the first training. During the session, quickly a recap of the previous meeting was done as some of the participants were same and some were new. The session started with a brief introduction and background of RN Women. After the introduction session, it was handed over to Mr. Bishnu F. Sharma to conduct the further training as he has been hired as the consultant for the training. The training was mainly focused on the gender rights, challenges women drugs

users are facing, reproductive and sexual health rights, child rights and what is needed/added to be in Harm Reduction Guidelines. In the beginning, Mr. Sharma explained on the harm reduction program, the services currently being provided to the beneficiaries and how it can be made a gender friendly.

Taking the previous sessions feedback as well, it was discussed on how a Harm Reduction Program can be developed as a comprehensive package. Some of the suggestion came were:

- Needle Syringe Exchange Program
- Separate Opioid Agonist Therapy like methadone and buprenorphine for female
- Primary Health Care Services available in Drop –In Centers
- Stigma and Discrimination free for the women who use drugs
- Resources allocation and program interventions should be more women-centric so that the quality services is delivered
- Treatment for HIV, Hepatitis C and Sexually Transmitted Infections.
- Abscess Case Management and prevention of Overdose
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Care Services a Drop-In Centers
- Psychosocial Counseling to protect the mental health of the women who use drugs
- Free legal services in case of domestic violence, gender based violence

Furthermore, participants also included some points such as support for children education especially of those WUDs who are affected by HIV, nutrition support to at least under 5 years' children, establish a friendly and a trustable environment where beneficiaries can share their pain, happiness and develop a good relationship. Similarly, the participants also shared that a crisis care center focused on female is very important because there are many beneficiaries who are living in a street and they don't even have a shelter. Moreover, it is said that there is still a discrimination between a boy child and a girl child in our community and talking about drugs users, women are more stigmatized by their family, friends and community as compared to the men.

After such brief discussion on the Harm Reduction Service Package some of the guiding principles were made as an essential part of all HIV and health programs for women who use drugs. They were:

- Respect autonomy and human rights
- Centre leadership by women with lived experience
- Employ inter-sectionality and anti-oppression frameworks
- Provide trauma-informed, women-centred quality care

- Enable access to legal rights and justice
- Guarantee non-discriminatory healthcare
- Invest in safe housing, economic empowerment and vocational skills
- Improve health knowledge through community education
- Promote synergy across sectors and integration of services
- Address shared and unique needs

After all this discussion Mr. Sharma informed them that with all this information a gender friendly Harm Reduction Guideline will be made and shared with all the like-minded organization who has shown their participation in the program and then the program was handed over to Ms. Sonam to close the session. Thus, she once again thanked all the participants for their active participation during the program and the participants too shared their experience of getting insights on this meaningful topic and thanked RN Women for giving this opportunity.

f. M&E VISIT WAS COMPLETED TO KATHMANDU, LALITPUR, KASKI AND SUNSARI

Monitoring visit was successfully completed 4 times to all the Drop-In Centre each of Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Kaski and Sunsari. The objective of the meeting was to

- Cross verify all the documents such as daily dairy, log-sheet, CLT register, HIV test result form and OPMIS
- Review all the documents such as staff profile,
- Variance of OPMIS and ONHIS
- Stock Verification
- Interaction with PO and IRW

All the documents dairy, log-sheet and OPMIS/ONHIS were reviewed and all the identified errors were corrected. As per the observations, all the partners were provided with the recommendations and timeline. Provided recommendations were followed up whether it has been followed up within the timeframe or not. Similarly, staff contract, staff profile and physical as well as stock book were verified where all the records we properly documented.



### g. BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting was conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, 4<sup>th</sup> December and 22 April, 2024 with the following agendas

#### Meeting/workshop agenda

- Updates on upcoming activities of RN Women PWID component
- Updates on activities of Save CSS program/ HR program
- Updates and information regarding Harm Reduction Conference.
- Updates Monitoring & Evaluation / Onsite Data Verification Visit to province

- Updates on activities carried throughout the month of October under the CSS and PWID project.
- Updates on upcoming program and planning for next phase (project after July)
- Updates and information regarding the audit and renewal process of RN Women
- Updates on Finance and Budget

### Output of the Meeting

- Physical and active participation of all the board members.
- Informed all the board members about the activities that RN Women has been implementing.
- Explored and submitted different proposal to different donors.
- Updated board members on the update of the budget and expenses.
- The process of the organization renewal and audit has been started.
- Each event was planned and some of the carry forwarded events was conducted accordingly.
- Several misunderstandings and confusions were cleared
- The 5 years strategic plan was translated.



### h. SUPPORT DON'T PUNISH CAMPAIGN

Recovering Nepal Women, a National Network of Women Who Use Drugs, with support from WHRIN/IDPC, conducted an interaction meeting with Ministry of Health, Nepal Police Department, local government, various like-minded organizations, and beneficiaries as part of the "Support. Don't Punish" campaign, a Global Day of Action 2024, focused on women drug users. The primary focus of the meeting was to highlight use of drug is not a crime instead it is a





health issue. The discussion emphasized on the need to support drug users with love and care rather than stigmatization and discrimination. The participants were informed regarding the Narcotics Drug Control Act 2033 in Nepal which outlines two alternative solutions to avoid criminal cases against drug use: Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT) and Drug Treatment and

Rehabilitation Centers out of which OAT is considered as the most effective method. The OAT services was welcomed by the participants, and government stakeholders expressed their agreement that drug use should be treated as a health issue. They assured their support for initiatives aimed at supporting drug users.

Moreover, RN Women participated in the National Program wearing t-shirts of "Support. Don't Punish" with around 35 participants, including recovering drug users and current drug users. RN Women stood out among all by promoting the "Support. Don't Punish". This provided significant visibility for the campaign among a large audience. The issues were addressed using slogans like "Stop Stigma and Discrimination against Women Who Use Drugs," "End Violence against Women Who Use Drugs," "Human Rights are For Everyone," "Drug Use is a Mental Health Issue and "Discrimination is Unacceptable". Key guests at the event included the Minister of Youth and Sports, the Minister of Education, Science and Technology, the Minister of Health and Population, and the Minister of Home Affairs of Nepal where RN Women engaged with the ministers regarding the issues faced by drug users, particularly stigma and discrimination.

Overall, the events were highly successful, raising awareness, fostering support, and promoting the rights and well-being of Women Who Use Drugs in Nepal.

## **8. EXTRA ACTIVITIES**

- a. INTRODUCTORY AND COORDINATION MEETING WITH UNDP ON SCALE INITIATIVE PROJECT

On 16 February, 2024 UNDP organized an introductory and coordination meeting with the concerned stakeholders working with the key affected population and the Scale Initiative grantees of UNDP in Nepal. There were four grantees of Scale Initiative i.e. Recovering Nepal (RN), SPARSHA Nepal, NAPN+ and Blue Diamond Society (BDS) which aims to drive progress on the 10-10-10 targets for and with key populations.

The meeting mainly focused on the introduction of the program and the update of the program from the grantees on the project focus areas. All the four grantees share their progress through power-point presentation. Also there was sharing of other projects which have component on legal aid and legal support and effort from the NHRC.



Some of the key points that was discussed during the meeting was the support BDS have been doing in-terms of providing citizenship for the LGBTIQ+ community through this project. Similarly, RN and SPARSHA has legal advocate who will provide free legal services regarding several issues and RN also have 7 paralegal officer in 7 provinces who will support to connect with the pro-bono lawyers. Moreover, NAPN+ has develop a toll-free number i.e. 1810-5000024 through which everyone can share their issues and get feedback.

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During the meeting it was also suggested by some participants that 4 of the grantees has similar activities under the project and it will be more cost-effective if the similar activities can be complied together and

conduct. Lastly, the meeting was closed by Ms. Binda Magar Ma'am thanking all the participants for participating in the meeting.

**b. MEETING BETWEEN THE COALITION OF AIDS NETWORK IN NEPAL (CANN) AND THE GLOBAL FUND DELEGATION TO NEPAL**

**Date:** 6 March 2024

**Venue:** Hotel Radisson, Kathmandu

**Attendees**

Representatives of CANN member networks (i.e., RN, RN Women, TB Network, NAPN+, NFWLHA, Prison Foundation, FSGMN, Jagriti Mahila Mahasangh, NANGAN and Migrant Network)

The Global Fund delegation (i.e., Mr. Stefan Stojanovik, Senior Fund Portfolio Manager for Nepal, and Ms. Chiara Valdesolo)

**Background**

The country dialogue process for the Global Fund Grant Cycle 7 (GC7), including the process of the selection of principal recipient (PR) and the funding request development was supposed to be completed by August 2023. However, due to several issues, such as resolution of tax/VAT, and unilateral decisions and interventions of the Ministry of Health and Population (MOHP) at the country coordination mechanism Nepal (CCMN) in the PR selection process, among others, have prolonged the entire process. The funding requests for HIV and TB from Nepal have been rejected by the Global Fund twice already, which the Global Fund claims to be unprecedented in the history of the Global Fund. The ongoing grant cycle (GC6) is ending in July 2024, but the issues related to the GC7 processes have not been fully resolved yet. In order to discuss these issues with different stakeholders, including the ministry, CCMN, bi- and multilateral partners, and community representatives, a team of Global Fund delegates scheduled a mission in Nepal in the first week of March 2024.

As the secretary of the Coalition of AIDS Network in Nepal (CANN), Recovering Nepal (RN), the national federation of people who use drugs and drug service organization, has been leading the advocacy and lobbying efforts to resolve the GC7 situation. As part of these ongoing efforts, RN coordinated with the CCMN to schedule and organize a meeting between the CANN members and the Global Fund delegation.

**Objective**

- To discuss on the latest development of the Global Fund Program (GC7) on HIV and TB.

- To update on the planning of current program after the July, 2024

## **Key Points**

### **Concerns raised by CANN members**

- Interventions for prison and migrant communities have not been adequately included in the GC7 funding request.
- Inadequate representation of communities at the CCMN, especially from the prison and migrant networks. The CCMN does not entertain the request to be invited in the CCMN meetings as observers.
- Difficulties in delivering HIV testing services due to frequent delays in the supply of community-led testing (CLT) kits.
- Consultation of prison communities due in the GC7 country dialogue process.
- The tenure of present CCMN members will end in March 2024, however, the Global Fund has invited CCMN to submit the HIV and TB funding requests on 29 April 2024 (window 5).
- The CCMN has not complied with the Global Fund's requirements for the revision of CCMN Rules of Business (ROB) and the need for immediate addressing of the CCMN Chair's conflict of interest (COI).
- Disagreements and concerns by a few participants to the PR selection through a voting process conducted during the last CCMN meeting.
- Concerns regarding the Global Fund's decision to nominate the MOHP as the PR for the catalytic fund (human rights matching grant).
- Confusion on the overall PR selection process because the Global Fund has acknowledged UNDP as the PR, but not confirmed it yet.
- The GC6 programs will end in July 2024 and the GC7 issues have not been resolved yet (except for the selection of PR in the recent CCMN meeting). How will the Global Fund ensure continuation of the programs and services beyond July 2024?
- TB interventions have not been able to reach missing TB cases and engagement of TB communities in the overall process is low.

### **Responses from the Global Fund team**

- The funding requests submitted in August 2023 (window 3) was relatively better than the second submission made recently in February 2024 (window 4). It is imperative that consultation

meetings of any missing communities be held and their priorities be included in the funding request. Communities should build on the funding request submitted in August 2023.

- The PR selection is not a one-time event rather a process that includes transparent CCMN decision-making process, submission of an unanimously endorsed funding request that takes PR into account, PR assessment, etc. In the event that these requirements are not fulfilled, the Global Fund still reserves the right to nominate a PR directly under the Additional Safeguard Policy (ASP).
- The Global Fund has already communicated with the CCMN regarding the ROB and COI issues. They are essential in the autonomy and good governance of the CCMN. However, the urgency of the PR selection and funding request submitted in April 2024 may have been prioritized for the time being. It is due to this same reason that the Global Fund may agree to extend the CCMN members' tenure until June/July 2024.
- The CCMN is responsible for PR selection and therefore, if they determine that MOHP as PR for the catalytic grant may be problematic, they have the authority to initiate the process to change the PR.
- The Global Fund acknowledges the lack of effectiveness of TB interventions in reaching missing cases. Networks and communities should actively engage and include interventions and activities that work best for their communities. There is a lot of surpluses in the TB grant (GC6). They could also be utilized for any additional immediate response (program and activities deemed necessary and effective).

The Global Fund will ensure the continuation of programs and services by extending the GC6 grant for additional six months.

**c. PARTICIPATION ON NATIONAL CONSULTATION OF PRO-BONO LAWYERS IN NEPAL FOR DRUG USER COMMUNITY**

Recovering Nepal conducted a National Consultation of Pro-Bono Lawyers in Nepal for Drug User Community on 29 February, 2024 with as objective:

- Orient participants on the provision of pro-bono and legal aid (including the draft legal aid bill), and related practices in Nepal.

- Orientate participants on the drug control law, policy, and harm reduction.
- Inform participants on legal and human rights issues of people living with and most affected by HIV in Nepal.
- Identify major issues, barriers to access, and recommendations for legal aid in Nepal.
- Form pro-bono lawyers and paralegal groups at the district level (champions for issues of communities).



The event had a representatives from Nepal Bar Association, legal association, paralegal representatives from different districts, key stakeholders from non-government organizations and pro-bono lawyers from different places to deliberate on the importance, challenges, and strategies for enhancing pro bono legal services in Nepal in the context of the drug user community. The consultation provided a platform for knowledge exchange, collaboration, and consensus-building towards strengthening access to justice for the beneficiaries that we work for in our respective districts. In Nepal, the drug user community faces numerous challenges, including stigma, discrimination, and legal barriers. Many individuals within this community encounter legal issues related to drug possession, trafficking, citizenship issues, Marriage certificates, Divorce cases, and access to healthcare. To address these challenges and promote access to justice, a Pro Bono Legal Assistance Program is specifically tailored to solve those issues of the drug-user community in Nepal.

The event provided a platform for stakeholders of relevant fields to collectively address the need for legal representation and access to justice in the nation. The programme as a whole provides policymakers, legal professionals, and members of civil society with a road map for advancing pro bono legal services for the targeted groups and upholding the values of justice, equity, and human rights in what they receive.

#### d. PARTICIPATED ON ADVANCED PROJECT CYCLE MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Under the Community System Strengthening (CSS), Save the Children International conducted Advanced Project Cycle Management Training at Hotel Sarathi, Dhuikhel from 18-22 March, 2024.

The training mainly focused to enhance the capacity of the participants on knowledge, skills, and tools for the quality initiation, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and closing of a project in a

results-based management framework. Similarly, it helped to gain knowledge, insights, and practical tips in order to support sustainability and growth of our respective organizations by navigating the complex and uncertain internal and external environment.

During the 5 days training we discussed on several topic such as:

- Project Management
- Project DPro Phase Model
- Principle of Project DPro
- Project Competence
- Project Identification and Definition
- Theory of Change
- Project Excellence
- M&E Framework/Logical Framework
- Risk Management
- Emergency Response
- Responsible, Accountable, Consulted and Informed (RACI Chart)
- International Cooperation
- Report Writing



The overall event helped to develop the capacity of the staff as well as board on how the manage the organization and the project. It enhanced the capacity of participants in proposal writing, risk analysis and report writing. All the content of the training was practically done and presented which helped to strengthen knowledge and capacity of the participants.

#### e. WORKSHOP FOR HIV VALIDATION FOR GRANT CYCLE 7

Date: 18 April, 2024

Venue: Karnali Hall, Kathmandu Marriott Hotel, Naxal

Time: 2:30-6:30

A HIV validation workshop was conducted on 18 April 2024 to finalize the budget and activities of the Grant Cycle 7 with the participation of all the Key Population Networks, UNAIDS, UNODC and UNDP. The national consultant for the proposal write up Ms. Sally, presented the overall budget and its segregation for each program under The Global Fund. Regarding the Needle Syringe Program, the interventions and major activities were:



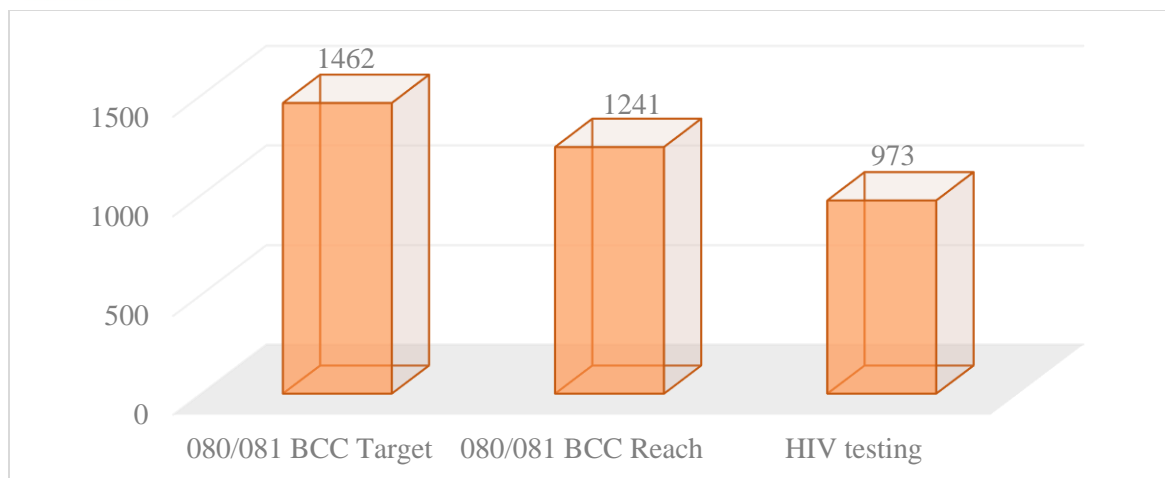
- Continuing the needle and syringe program (NSP) in 28 districts.
- Women-led outreach for women who inject drugs: continue in 5 districts, new support for 4 former ViiV DICs and 3 new DICs, all in the existing grant supported districts.

Regarding the intervention, representative from RN Women Ms. Sujata Khadka raised a queries regarding the inclusion of activities according to the Standard Service Package in the detail proposal i.e. Primary Health Care (PHC) set up, Internet, Television and abscess care management. To which Ms. Sally responded whatever mentioned in the Standard Service Package has been included in the proposal. However, regarding the budget for the abscess management, it has not been mentioned as harm reduction program, but minimal budget has been added for the referral process.

Similarly, other network representative also raised their queries as per their programs and was clarified accordingly. Due to the budget constraints, whatever points were raised from the consultation meetings has been tried to incorporate in the proposal as per the consultant.

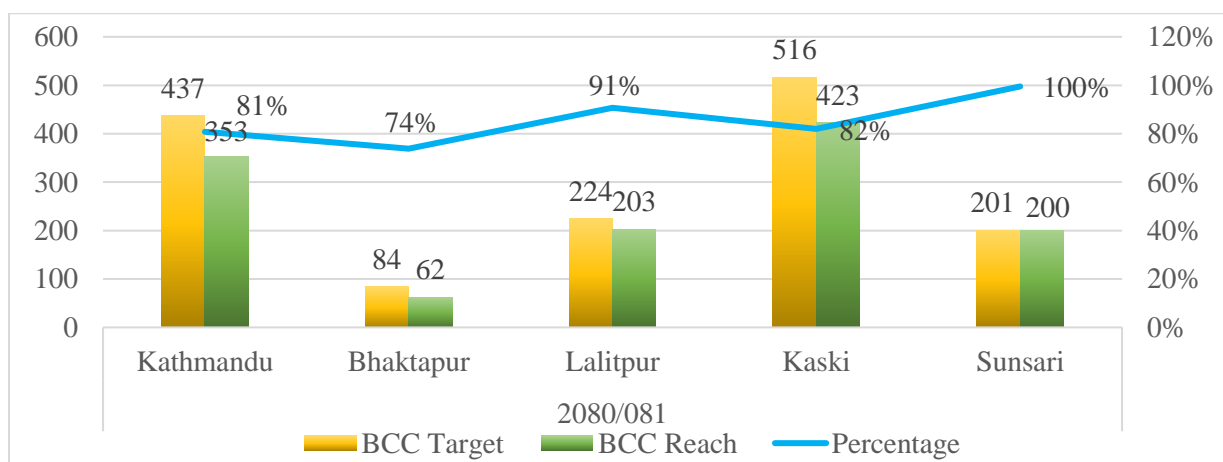
## 9. PROGRAM TARGET VS. ACHIEVEMENT OF 2080/081

### a. RN WOMEN HARM REDUCTION TARGET VS. ACHIEVEMENT



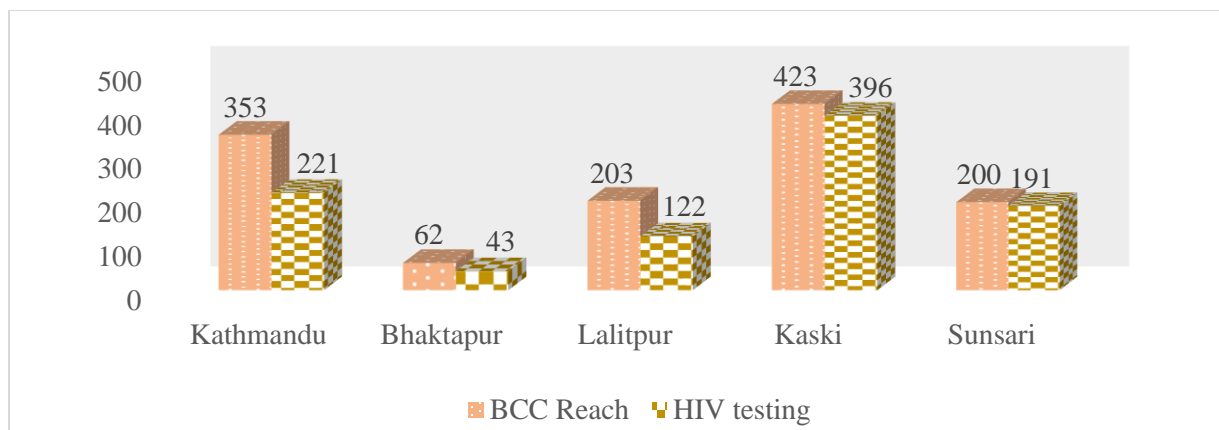
The above chart shows the overall target vs. achievement as well as HIV testing of RN Women. The graph shows that out of 1462 target for fiscal year 080/081, RN Women achieved 1241 which is 85% of the target. Out of 1241 beneficiaries, 973 beneficiaries were tested for HIV, where all were non-reactive.

### b. BCC REACH VS. ACHIEVEMENT OF 080/081



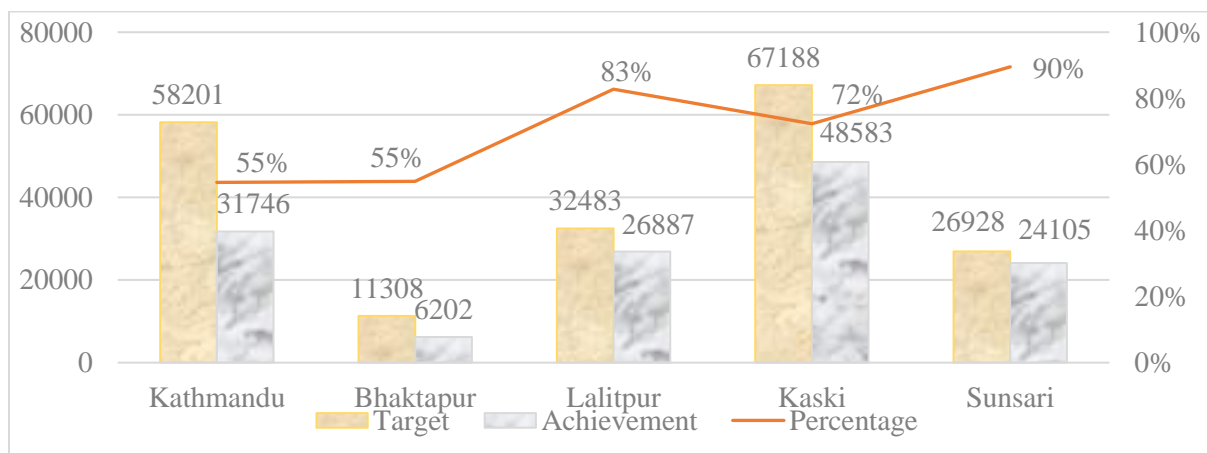
The above graph shows the district-wise target vs. achievement of the fiscal year 080/081 where Sunsari has shown remarkable achievement with 100% of client reach. Similarly, Lalitpur has reached 91% of their target followed by Kaski, Kathmandu and Bhaktapur i.e. 82%, 81% and 74% respectively. Looking at the overall progress, Bhaktapur achievement is below 80% which is due to the no availability of DIC or Exchange Centre where client could come, meet, chat with each other and share their issues.

### c. BCC REACH AND HIV TESTING



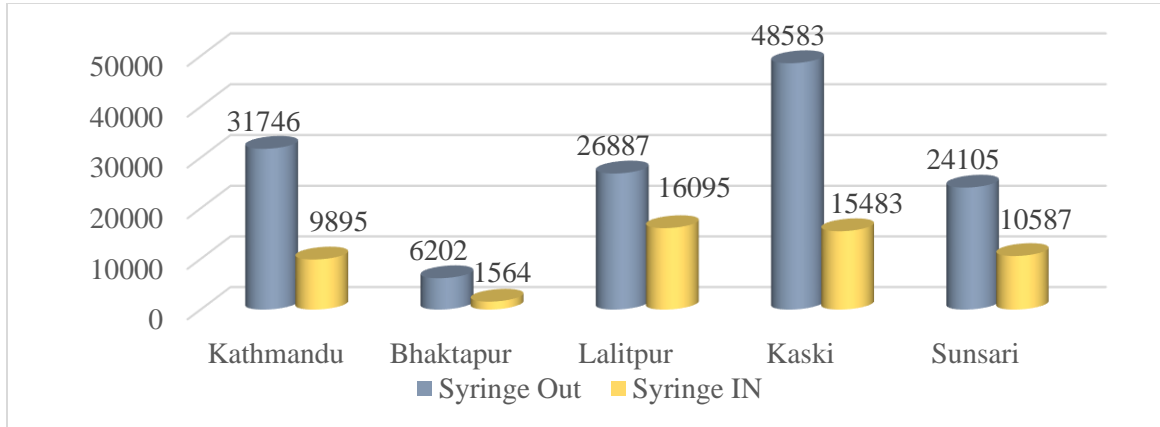
The reach of beneficiaries and the number of HIV testing performed on fiscal year 080/081 has been shown in the above bar diagram. It shows that Sunsari has almost tested HIV of all the beneficiaries who were reached and Kaski has tested more than 90% of the beneficiaries reached. However, Kathmandu, Bhaktapur and Lalitpur have tested HIV of less than 60% of their reached beneficiaries.

#### d. SYRINGE DISTRIBUTION



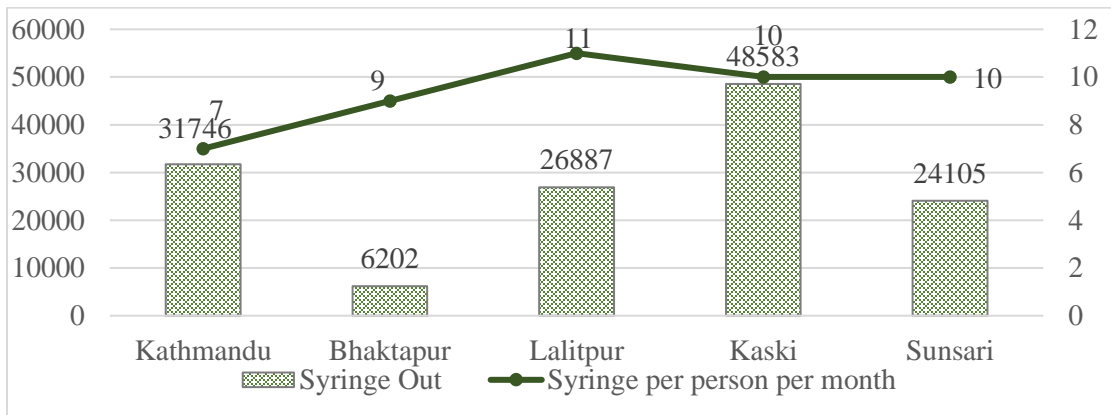
The above bar diagram shows the target vs. achievement of the syringe distributed to the beneficiaries where it can be seen that Sunsari has distributed 90% of the given target, Lalitpur has distributed 83% of the given target, whereas the syringe distributed by Kaski, Kathmandu and Bhaktapur is low as the syringes are distributed as per the need and demand of the beneficiaries.

#### e. SYRINGE OUT/SYRINGE IN



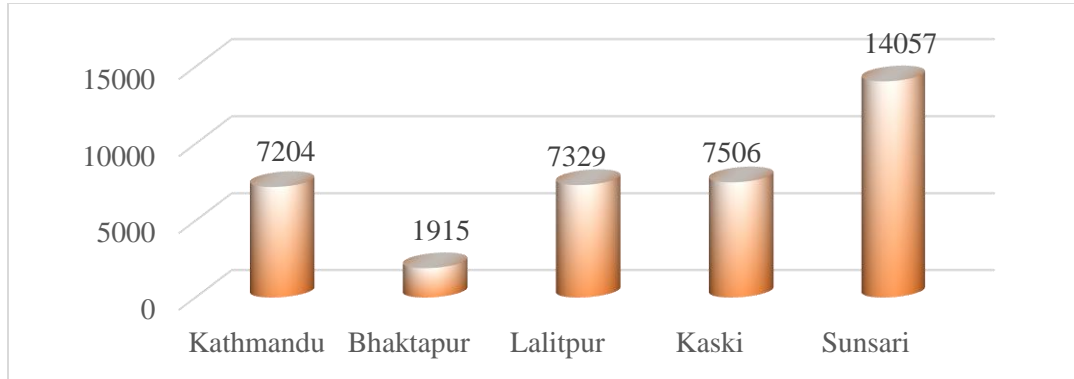
The graph above shows the comparison of number of syringe distributed to beneficiaries and the number of used syringes collected by IRW from beneficiaries as well as spot collection. It can be clearly seen that the number of syringe in and out is not equal, none of the districts has been able to collect all the syringes provided to the beneficiaries due to the fear of being caught by family and police personnel. However, as compared to the other district Lalitpur has collected 60% of the used syringes.

f. SYRINGE OUT AND SYRINGE PER PERSON PER MONTH



The graph depicts the total syringe distributed and average number of syringe received by the beneficiaries per person per month. This graph shows that beneficiaries of Lalitpur receives 11 syringes in average in a month, while beneficiaries of Sunsari and Kaski receives 10 each followed by Bhaktapur and Kathmandu which is 9 and 7 respectively

g. CONDOM DISTRIBUTION



The above graph shows the number of condom distributed to the beneficiaries in fiscal year 080/081 where Sunsari has distributed more number of condom compared to other districts i.e. 14,057.

## 10. CONCLUSION

On fiscal year 080/081, the target activities were completed by the central office RN Women as well as the partner organization of RN Women. All the activities could not be completed as per the plan due to certain circumstances, however it was done within the time frame of the project. RN Women also participated in several meetings and trainings apart from the project activities which has been well documented. Similarly, looking at the overall progress of the districts, Sunsari performance has been very good in every way, however out of 5 district Bhaktapur has not been able to stand out in-terms of reach, testing and overall performance despite of their continuous effort.

## Annex: I

### Member List of Recovering Nepal Women

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6	Ekata Nepal	Bagmati	Bharatpur	Ms. Shanta Ghale	9845900625	<a href="mailto:ekatanepal2064@gmail.com">ekatanepal2064@gmail.com</a>
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